

Drug use suspected

Nodaway County Sheriff's Department begins investigation of student athletes

By MATTHEW BREEN and GENE CASSELL
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Nodaway County Sheriff Ben Espy said investigation is still underway.

The Nodaway County Sheriff's Department has launched an investigation into alleged drug use involving Northwest athletes.

Bob Lade, director of the Student Recreation Center, confirmed that the sheriff's department was at the Rec Center Feb. 15 looking for specific individuals to question.

However, Lade said he was not present during the investigation. The student supervisor on duty had told him of the incident.

Ben Espy, Nodaway County Sheriff, said officials outside of Missouri are involved in the investigation. But Espy could not specify which agencies were involved as the investigation has not yet been completed.

As of Wednesday, Jim Redd, men's athletic director, had no comment, citing he had not been contacted by the Nodaway County Sheriff's Department.

Although no specifics could be given, Dave Gieseke, director of news and information, said the athletes involved have no official eligibility remaining making them unable to participate in Northwest sports again regardless of the investigation's results.

Student charged with setting fire

By APRIL BURGE
MISSOURIAN STAFF

A Northwest student was charged with a Class B felony of first degree arson after a fire engulfed a lower level apartment at approximately 11:30 p.m. Feb. 15, at 322 S. Main.

Kelly K. Conwell was charged with the felony after being questioned by Maryville Public Safety the night of the fire in which three students lost many of their possessions.

Conwell has since withdrawn from school and is now living with her parents in Liberty.

She is awaiting her arraignment, which will be at 9:30 a.m. Tuesday at the Maryville County Courthouse.

Conwell, a close friend of the three men, allegedly set the apartment on fire intentionally.

Prosecuting Attorney David Baird is handling the case for the city.

"The charge of arson in the first degree is a Class B felony and usually carries from five to 15 years in the penitentiary," Baird said. "We know how the fire was started, but we can't divulge any other information until the trial."

Ryan Cummins, who was allegedly involved in an amorous relationship with Conwell, was the first occupant to be notified of the fire, which was discovered by a neighbor. Cummins said he was at work when he heard the news.

"I was totally shocked," he said. "I was like, 'Oh my God, were any of the other guys in the house?' My first notion was to find out

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GARCON (SHAD RAMSEY) and Estelle (Alisa Templeton) experience eternity in hell in "No Exit." Tickets for the show are available in the Mary Linn Box Office and the Administration Building for \$3 with a student ID, \$4 for other students and senior citizens, \$5 for adults.

JASON WENTZEL/
Missourian Staff

'No Exit' paints vivid picture of hell for audiences

By KAREN GATES
MISSOURIAN STAFF

A narrow, spiral staircase led people down to a tiny room where chilling music drifted down.

The audience was getting hotter as they sat close together in a darkened room, watching an eye-level, musky stage as troubled people in hell become intimate.

Getting intimate is just one of the things characters face in the play "No Exit" by Jean-Paul Sartre.

The play is being presented by the theater department and will run from Wednesday to Monday in the Mary Linn Performing Arts Center Studio Theater.

"No Exit" is being entered into the American College Theater Festival competition, which is divided into five regions. The overall winning play will perform in

Washington D.C. at the Kennedy Center.

"I like this play in the competition because of the ideas, the networking and the overall experience," director Theo Ross said.

"No Exit" has a serious tone as four cast members are sent to a tiny, dark room to live their chosen lives.

Garcon, the lead character, played by Shad Ramsey, is the first one to enter hell. He is later joined by Inez, played by Alison Mizerski and Estelle, played by Alisa Templeton. The three are escorted to the room by the valet, played by Wesley Drahozal. The valet explains the room and the characters are left alone where everything from fighting to intimacy occurs.

Ross explained how the four cast members were chosen to be in this kind of serious play.

"I chose the cast in an audition based on what the

play would value to the students," Ross said. "They are the most dedicated."

Cast members talked about the intimacy of the play.

"All the intimacy was awkward and first even though it is all totally acting, but I got used to it," Templeton said.

Some cast members believe the play helped them see people differently.

"This role gave me a new look of the lifestyles other people and myself chose to lead," Drahozal said.

Other cast members believed the meaning of the play was very powerful.

"I think 'No Exit' is very interesting because it deals with the philosophy of the writer, and there is so much meaning to the play, every line becomes important," Mizerski said.

Senate discusses possible federal funding cutbacks

By CHRIS TRIEBSCH
CHIEF REPORTER

As the Republican Party scrambles to meet its campaign promises and cut the federal budget, it appears that college students' financial aid could also be included in those cuts.

Roger Pugh, director of admissions, spoke at the Student Senate meeting Tuesday and told members that several changes could be in the future for financial aid.

Among those changes are a phasing out of the Perkins Loan and work study programs. Students could also be asked to pay immediately on student loans. The interest on those loans could also begin immediately after they are issued.

Pugh encouraged Senate to start a letter-writing campaign and to organize a committee to look into and oppose these changes.

After Pugh spoke, Senate voted in favor of such a committee and appointed Travis Dimmitt as chair.

Pugh said the logic behind the changes is to balance the budget, lower taxes and lower debt payments.

"They are looking at it as an easy cut," Pugh said. "A balanced budget is the issue and 75 percent of (student) aid comes from the federal government."

Pugh said it is hard to say when these cuts would take effect if passed, but said he has heard horror stories of it happening in the fall.

He said the University as a whole is not doing anything to oppose it, but he does encourage individual efforts.

In other Senate news, University President Dean Hubbard spoke to Senate about the possible ice skating rink.

He said the rink could be easily done by the fall.



LORI SHAFFER/Missourian Staff

ROGER PUGH, EXECUTIVE director of enrollment management, addresses Student Senate with concerns of the University's possible financial aid problems because of proposed federal funding cuts to students.

Regents vote to approve VPAA, college names

By CHRIS TRIEBSCH
CHIEF REPORTER

The Board of Regents handed down two major approvals at a special meeting Tuesday, including the approval of the new vice president for Academic Affairs.

Tim Gilmour, as expected, was approved as the VPAA in a closed session after University President Dean Hubbard recommended him for the position.

Hubbard said the Board was very impressed with Gilmour and approved him quickly.

The names of the three colleges were also approved.

College A, as previously proposed, has been named the College of Arts and Sciences. This college includes most of the general education courses.

College B has been named the College of Professional and Applied Studies. This college includes the departments of agriculture, mass communication, computer sciences and all the business departments.

College C has been named the College of Education and Human Services. It includes the departments of Education and Human Environmental Sciences, as well as the department of Psychology.

Although the process of choosing names was different for each college, there was not much dissension on the names in the end.

Ron DeYoung, dean of Professional and Applied Studies, said his college was faced with trying to find one name that would represent everyone.

Joseph Ryan, dean of Education and Human Services, said a formal vote revealed only three or four people out of 60 voted against the name.

Gerald Brown, interim dean of Arts and Sciences, said 90 percent of the faculty in his college voted for the name.

Brown will be leaving his position as dean this summer. Hubbard said the search for someone to fill that position will begin soon.

Regents names three colleges

✓ College A:
College of Arts and Sciences

✓ College B:
College of Professional and Applied Studies

✓ College C:
College of Education and Human Services

University officially backs Mt. Alverno as prison site

By CHRIS TRIEBSCH
CHIEF REPORTER

The Board of Regents unanimously approved a resolution Tuesday in favor of a prison in Maryville. The resolution will be forwarded to Gov. Mel Carnahan.

The statement listed several reasons for supporting the prison, including the responsibility to rehabilitate criminals and provide educational resources for faculty and students and economic strength for the area.

The Board also said that because Northwest "is an

agency of the state of Missouri, and because it receives significant state appropriations," the University "is sensitive to the need for the state to be efficient in the use of its economic resources" and the "establishment of a correctional facility at Mount Alverno would result in significant cost savings for the state."

University President Dean Hubbard said the arguments against the prison do not hold up.

"I think all the questions have been asked and adequate answers have been given," Hubbard said. "It is time to get this behind us and move on with it."

Hubbard said he has talked to people in Jefferson

City and 80-90 percent of the letters going in are in favor of the prison.

But those opposed to the prison disagree and say the momentum is heading their way.

Herman Collins, member of Citizens for Quality Living and supervisor for education and administration, said he called Jefferson City and the opinions are overwhelmingly against the prison now because of the letter-writing campaign.

The group decided Monday to do a door-to-door survey of Polk township, including Maryville. The survey is intended to find out where everyone stands.

OUR VIEW

City Council needs to take a stand on prison issue

The Board of Regents finally took a stand Tuesday in favor of a minimum-to-medium security prison in Maryville, and it is time for Maryville's com-munity leaders to make a decision as well.

The city should not have to endure any more waffling from members of the City Council, our supposed community leaders, on an issue that seriously affects the future of Maryville.

Perhaps they became too scared to take a stand when tempers flared concerning the state's proposal to create a correctional facility at the Mount Alverno convent.

Since then, their views have gone in all directions, and community leaders have done little to collect some hard data concerning the views of the community as a whole, such as a city-wide poll.

The only poll concerning this debate was a Northwest computer poll for students on the fax.

Why can't the residents of Maryville do the same thing? Not necessarily a computer poll, but perhaps a telephone poll to help the City Council get a grasp on the community's attitude?

Citizens for Quality Living, a group opposed to the prison, are planning a door-to-door survey concerning the prison proposal, but they have decided not to include college students in the survey because they are not considered permanent residents of Maryville.

This proves that so-called community leaders are not representing all citizens of the community.

The City Council needs to get an all-encompassing survey taken from a non-biased research team.

In the meantime, we keep waiting for any new developments on the situation, but it always seems to come up empty.

That is simply unacceptable. The community needs to see some strong leadership so that they can build a solid argument for or against the proposal.

TAKING THE STAND THE CITY COUNCIL WAY:



City Council members, such as Bridget Brown and Jeff Funston, have formed individual personal opinions about the proposed prison, but the Council has not taken an official stance.

We would like to see the leaders of the community come out in the open and say what they think, and we would like the community to come together as a whole to make a decision, one way or another.

The Council should follow the University's example, which decided to come out of the woodwork and take an official stand in favor of a prison in Maryville.

Editorials and cartoons express the views of the Northwest Missourian. Observations elsewhere on the page represent independent viewpoints of columnists and readers.

Let's just get one thing STRAIGHT!
THERE WILL BE NO MORE WAFFLING ON THE PRISON ISSUE!
If the community says NO!-than we say no.
If the community says YES, than we say yes.
If the state says YES!-than we say yes.
If the University says YES!-than we say yes.
If small community groups say NO!-than we say no.
If the people want the prison at the Pope and Talbot, than let them have it... Got it?... Well, as long as it's o.k. with everyone.

The city needs to figure out whether or not they want a state prison in this community. After that, they must decide what they have to do to either get the prison or to keep the prison out.

Until this happens, the community will continue to flounder around in all directions, unable to make a decision.

Nothing will be done if community leaders do not provide some leadership.

This issue should not divide a community, rather, it should give the community unity and strength to handle this and upcoming debates.

CAMPUS VOICE

How do you feel about the "zero tolerance" proposal by the Missouri State Legislature?

"I think there should be a level set. I know one or two (beers) is still wrong, but I don't think it should be the same penalty for people who are totally trashed and more dangerous than someone else who had one or two."



Anthony Campobasso

"I like it because I think that anybody who is drinking while driving should be punished regardless of how much they have had or their age."



Melissa Kritenbrink

"I'm for it. I think it would definitely stop minors from getting themselves in trouble."



Larry Walls

"Different alcohol levels affect different tolerances that are higher and lower than other people's."



Mary Voegel

VOICE IN THE CROWD

Students', fans' true effort needs to be commended



Jon Lewis
Columnist

Athletic director has taken steps to satisfy all fans

Northwest basketball fans have a lot to cheer about this semester. A great team, tremendous cheerleaders and fans who can now sit or stand during the game.

First, I would like to commend the new seating arrangements. James Redd, Men's Athletic director has taken steps to ensure fans who want to stand during the games can, without blocking others who are sitting.

A new section has been reserved for fans who plan to stand and get a little rowdy during the game.

I think this was a good decision on Redd's part, because all fans should be able to support the 'Cats however they want.

This section may prevent situations like the one earlier this semester, where fans who wanted to stand were blocking fans who were sitting.

So, for Saturday's game, be sure and get a spot reserved in the new section for you and your friends.

Secondly, I would like to recognize the cheerleaders. In the past, I never really paid much attention to them as they did their flips and ran up and down the court between time outs.

The first time it really occurred to me how good they were was at

the Missouri Western game earlier this semester.

The Northwest fans who made the trip to St. Joseph were forced to sit in a reserved section which was only about the size of an average men's restroom.

They were surrounded by some less-than-polite Missouri Western fans, who knew they had a good team and took advantage of their home court environment.

As the game began, the Northwest cheerleading squad led this small group of rebel fans to a fever pitch.

Through most of the game, the small group from Northwest drowned out the Missouri Western fans.

The cheerleaders performed their cheers and drills with skill and precision, while the others squad across the court struggled to make a pyramid. I never expected to be so impressed by a cheerleading squad, but I was. They do a good job.

Finally, I think the Bearcats themselves have done a great job this year.

This team has been exciting to watch, and we finally have some players with personality. Who doesn't like to see "Big John" Golden get out there and pull down some rebounds?

MY TURN

Classmates race for working computers in class



Lisa Kilndt
Managing Editor

Fight should be for better technology

Everyone dreads going to certain classes because the professor puts you to sleep or your bed is a bit too cozy to give up.

I have a computer class that I experience the same apprehension toward. I (and some of my classmates) stumble out of bed 10 minutes early just so I can get a "good" computer.

What we have to face is the frustrations of trying to start up those machines so that we can proceed with our assignments. Unfortunately, many of the computers never boot up, forcing me and my fellow sufferers to come in outside of class time to catch up.

We go through this problem week

after week. We are told they are being "fixed," but that lasts for a day or two.

Last week was the last straw for one of my classmates. As usual only half of the class had functioning computers. She was determined to get this problem solved. She started in computing services where she was given the usual "we'll get right on that" speech.

She was lucky enough to catch University President Dean Hubbard with a few minutes to spare for her.

She pleaded her case to him and later that afternoon he went to Colden Hall. I don't know what was said, but the computers were up and working.

Hubbard has been working to imple-

ment a management system known as Total Quality Management, better known as Culture of Quality to some.

Until last week I never knew TQM was working on our campus. TQM is when management levels focus their attention on customer satisfaction.

Hubbard satisfied not only the "customers" enrolled in my computer class, but also all of the faculty members who had labored over them.

Why did it take the president to get something done that should have been taken care of at a lower level? If the other faculty and staff would practice TQM, students would be more satisfied with their Northwest experience.

Reader says chop Bearcat chop

Dear Editor,

Gene Cassell made an excellent point in the Feb. 9 issue of the *Missourian*, addressing the school spirit being exhibited at Bearcat basketball games this year.

Indeed, the 'Cats are undefeated at home and the success can be attributed in large part to the fan turnout at each and every game.

However, I agree with Cassell when he asks the band to do away with the tomahawk chop. Very few people seem to understand the connection between a Bearcat and a tomahawk. In fact, when the 'Cats are on a roll and the band begins to play its war music, most in attendance sit down and contemplate what it means rather than standing and cheering.

There may be a few people at Northwest who do not realize that it was our band who first initiated the tomahawk chop at Kansas City Chiefs football games. In doing so, they brought some spice to what was just then becoming one of the league's premier teams.

Their creativity is to be commended and I hope that they will use that creativity to bring something equally as spicy (and appropriate) to Bearcat basketball games in the near future.

Steven Woolfolk

Labs fail to serve student needs

Dear Editor:

This letter concerns the computer labs on campus, specifically the ones in Colden Hall. It seems that every time I go in there, the whole lab is messed up; that is, if it is even open. It seems that for all the money that has been spent on computer labs, students should have decent access to quality technology. I know that I am not the only student who is fed up with these labs. Why can't things be "fixed"?

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Of course, people can say, "use the fax," but then how is a person supposed to format and create quality papers with such a limited program as WPS? As a finance major, I depend on using certain software that is basically required by instructors to complete assignments and do certain analysis.

The problem in Colden Hall is not only the equipment, but also the accessibility of the labs. The Garrett-Strong labs are open decent hours, so why can't students who are oriented around Colden Hall have the same? There is nothing more frustrating than needing a last-minute revision and you find a note on the door that says "closed."

Maybe we need another IBM lab somewhere on campus that offers updated software, laser printing and liberal hours. The library seems to be a good place to add another lab, being that most people do research there.

Paul Thompson

Stroller not forced to do chop

Dear Editor,

This is in response to "The Stroller" who wrote about the "childish" actions of the pep band at the Feb. 11 basketball game. I would like to begin by thanking him for congratulating us for doing our job by playing tunes for the fans while the players are not in action. I must add that a congratulations on the back of the hand is just as bad as a knife in the back.

I apologize for the bruised feelings of the Stroller by the alleged brash and inappropriate gestures displayed by a member of my organization. I do wish that the Stroller could have personally informed me of his disappointment rather than upsetting many of my colleagues who read the *Missourian*.

I am still trying to see the relevance in mentioning this action with your slam of the

Bearcat chop. I must also say that the Bearcat chop is not a mandatory action to be taken by all fans in Bearcat Arena.

You are more than welcome to express your opinion about the chop, but please do not create mammoth events that serve such a useless cause of making others angry just so you can "set the record straight."

Carol Cronin, Pep Band Director

Columnist gives 1-sided opinion

Dear Editor:

I would like to respond to Mike Reiff's column in the Feb. 16 issue of the *Missourian*.

Reiff is clearly presenting a one-sided argument. He says the players, namely Curt Flood, are at fault for the strike. Is it that hard to overlook the fact that the owners shoot themselves in the foot every time they make a decision? They agreed to arbitration, which is a major reason mediocre players get big dollars.

Reiff also makes free agency sound like a terrible monster. What would you think if you got a job and in a few years were offered a promotion or more money elsewhere, but the law forbids you to change companies? You would not just be angry, but outraged!

The reason this strike is so out of hand is not because of Flood, but because there is no commissioner in baseball. Want to know why? Because the owners won't elect one.

Reiff also makes the players seem greedy. What if all companies had a salary cap? There is a virtual salary cap because no one pays an employee \$1 million. No one forces the baseball owners to pay players huge salaries.

Reiff obviously did no more research about the subject than looking up a neat fact in a baseball almanac. It downgrades the paper to have such weak articles printed.

Sam Smith

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Crowd-pleasing play draws few spectators

Community production of 'The Odd Couple' brought many laughs

By REGINA BRUNTMEYER
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A small, but enthusiastic crowd attended the opening night for Neil Simon's play, "The Odd Couple."

The stage was transformed into a living room and dining room, which was messy and unorganized in the beginning of the play as the characters engaged in their normal Friday night poker game.

Later, when "Oscar," played by Dain Johnston, gains "Felix" (Jeffrey Stringer) as a roommate, the rooms are spotless and tidy, much to Oscar's dismay.

The Nodaway Community Theater Company presented the play Thursday, Friday and Saturday after six weeks of rehearsals at Washington Middle School.

The play featured the talents of Northwest students and faculty members, as well as community members.

"It was funny and very well put together," Aaron Franklin said.

Franklin said he enjoyed the scene with the sisters because he liked how they played into the part.

Another audience member, an experienced director, said he believed the play was a good choice.

"Neil Simon is such a wonderful writer with fantastic dialogue," Charles Schultz, associate professor of theater, said. "They did a good job of bringing that out. The characters are fun, and I think Ken (Wilkie) did a good job of directing."

Wilkie, who has acting and directing experience with NCTC, said he believed the play had a positive result for the community.

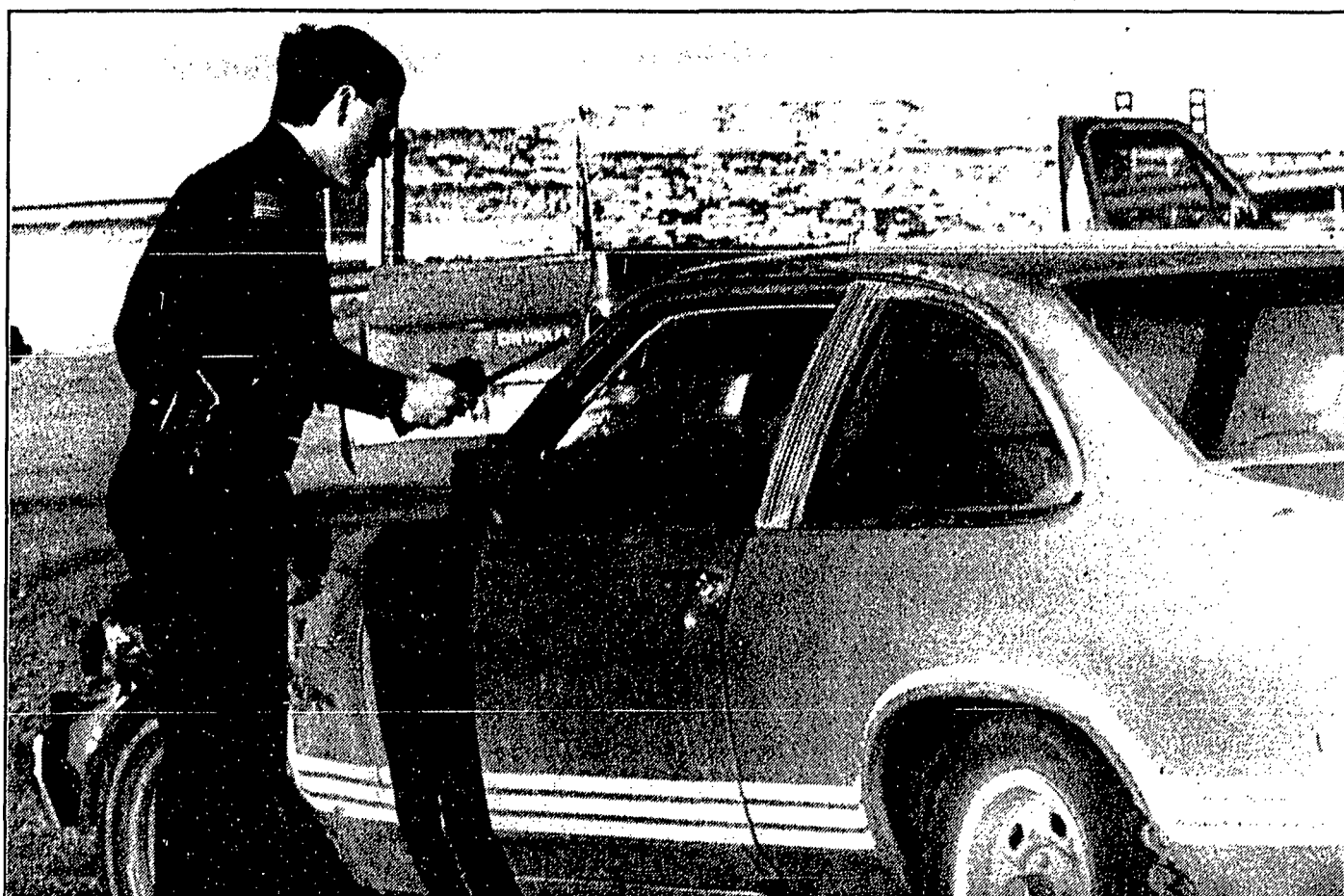
He expressed appreciation for all of the support he received from the Northwest theater department.

"I think the performances kept getting better and better," Wilkie said.

Stringer said he incorporated a new walk into his character on opening night.

He hoped to continue it throughout the performances. Stringer said he was pleased with opening night's performance.

Wilkie said Saturday night's audience boasted 80 people.



MARYVILLE PUBLIC SAFETY officer David Arnold investigates a two-car accident in front of Wal-Mart Feb. 15 during his shift. Public Safety officers work closely with Campus Safety and the Nodaway Sheriff's Department to ensure better protection for Maryville residents.

JACK VAUGHT/Chief Photographer

Donuts are officers' last concern

By SUSAN PORTERFIELD
MISSOURIAN STAFF

As a Maryville public safety officer, David Arnold does not really fit the stereotype most people have about officers. He is a personable man, a bit on the short side, who does not eat donuts or even like coffee.

For many of the public safety officers of Maryville, including Arnold, food is the least of their concerns with traffic violations, accidents, domestic disputes, patrolling and warrants as all part of their jobs.

In addition to handling all of the violations and accidents, the officers also deal with community and University relations.

CAMPUS and COMMUNITY
How can Maryville and the University work together?
Third in a Series

"We try to work on how we're perceived by people," Arnold said. "We try to come across as we are there to help

there is no way to make everyone happy, he said.

"We're not their parents," he said. "We just try to explain to them that this is the law and they have broken it. It's not personal, we're not out to get them, and hopefully they understand."

One student, Rusty McKenzie, was understanding about a ticket he received from a public safety officer.

"I was pulled over once," he said. "He was straight to the point, told me what I did wrong, gave me the ticket, and that was the end of it. I didn't feel harassed."

Other students, although they had no problem with Maryville Public Safety, had heard of problems from friends.

"My experiences with the police have been fair, but I've also heard horror stories around where (officers) were buffoons to some people," Jeremie Ohlenschlen said.

Although some still see the department in a negative light, Keith Wood, Maryville Public Safety director, is attempting to present it as an agency that is responsive to the community.

He also would like the officers to take part in activities around the community.

"My philosophy is that the police are an active part of the community," he said. "There are non-traditional ways of enforcing laws and we must continue to do so, but this enforcing should be a small part of being an officer."

BRIEF

Maryville Public Safety to gain another officer

Another officer will be added to Maryville Public Safety soon, compliments of federal legislation passed last year.

MPS will receive about \$50,300 to pay 75 percent of the salary of one

additional officer for three years, according to a release issued by U.S. Rep. Pat Danner, D-Mo., last week.

Keith Wood, MPS director, said he initially requested three officers from the state, but received funds for one.

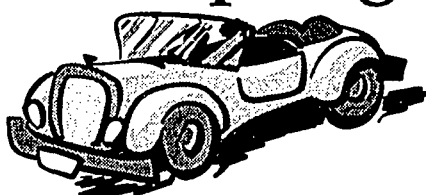
The police force will grow from 16 sworn officers to 17 when the program funding is finalized around June.

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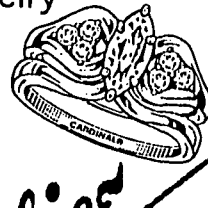
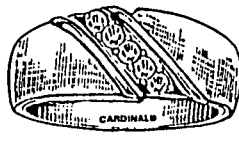
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Gift store makes move to larger location

Hallmark Shop to offer shipping center, more services in early March

By TATE SINCLAIR
MISSOURIAN STAFF

A longtime downtown business is moving to a larger and more lucrative location.

Rod's Hallmark Shop will be moving from its current spot on the corner

of Fourth and Main streets to a larger and more accessible location at the Mary-Mart Shopping Center on South Main.

The store, which will open in early March, will occupy the space vacated when True-Value Hardware moved out in the fall.

Hallmark manager Kitty Bagby said the main reason for the move is space, but parking availability also played a role in the decision.

The new store will have 6,300 square feet of retail area, twice the square footage of the current store.

Joss Walters, director of Maryville's Chamber of Commerce, said the Chamber is happy about Hallmark's move.

"We think it's fantastic," he said. "It means their business is thriving and they need more room."

Walters is not concerned about the loss of business in the downtown area

because more businesses will move in.

"We have two solid businesses looking to move into the downtown area," Walters said. "Eventually, the businesses that are on the square will be ones that stay there for a long time."

A special shipping center will be housed in the store for customer use.

The store is also going to enlarge its staff because of the increase in size.

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CALENDAR

FEB 23 THURSDAY

7:30 p.m. "No Exit" in the Mary Linn Studio.
8 p.m. Corina Monarrez senior recital in Charles Johnson Theater.
9 p.m. "The Shindigs" in the Community building.
Student Payday

FEB 24 FRIDAY

7:30 p.m. "No Exit" in the Mary Linn Studio.

FEB 25 SATURDAY

10 a.m. Men's tennis alumni match at Grube Courts.
5:30 p.m. Women's basketball vs. Washburn at Bearcat Arena.
7:30 p.m. "No Exit" in the Mary Linn Studio.
7:30 p.m. Men's basketball vs. Washburn Bearcat Arena.

FEB 26 SUNDAY

2 p.m. "No Exit" in the Mary Linn Studio.
3 p.m. Kip Mathews senior recital at Charles Johnson Theater.
7:30 p.m. "No Exit" in the Mary Linn Studio.

FEB 27 MONDAY

7:30 p.m. "No Exit" in Mary Linn Studio.

FEB 28 TUESDAY

7:30 p.m. "What About Black Women?" in the Charles Johnson Theater.
7:30 p.m. "No Exit" in the Mary Linn Studio.
7:30 p.m. Café Karma Underground in the Union Ballroom.

MAR 1 WEDNESDAY

7 and 8:30 p.m. "Laser Theatrics" in the Mary Linn.

Presentation opens door to history

By CODY WALKER
ASSISTANT EDITOR

Their hair was the color of a Plains Buffalo's mane. They fought with a fierce determination and a refusal to be defeated. Their characteristics were admired by the Native Americans who dubbed the black regiments of the military "Buffalo Soldiers." And they wore the name with pride.

Eight original Buffalo Soldiers filled the Union Ballroom Tuesday with memories and information of the past as part of a Black History Month presentation sponsored by the Alliance of Black Collegians.

On July 28, 1866, an act of Congress allowed black Americans to become U.S. citizens and join the regular armed forces. Before the act, blacks were not considered "part of" the United States and were hired as mercenaries to fight in the wars.

Four units were organized for the enlisted men ninth and 10th cavalries, and the 24th and 25th infantries. "You never see black cavalry in John Wayne movies," James Madison, PFC, said. "But five out of nine cavalrymen were black."

Madison said for many years the soldiers had not been recognized, but that changed when Gen. Colin Powell dedicated a monument to the Buffalo Soldiers on June 25, 1992, in Fort Leavenworth, Kan., which was the original home of the 10th Cavalry.

In the film "Legacy of Honor," Powell spoke of the accomplishments

of the soldiers throughout history. Such feats included Geronimo's defeat, protecting travellers on the Oregon trail and the capture of San Juan hill, plus many more.

Only one woman defied the rules of the military and joined the Buffalo Soldiers under an assumed name.

William Cathy, whose real name was Cathy Williams, cut her hair and enlisted the Army. She served two years and fought bravely as a Buffalo Soldier, but was discovered when she developed pneumonia and was admitted into a hospital.

While many of the men at the presentation were drafted, R.T. Williams volunteered to join the Army.

Williams enlisted in 1939 when he was 21 and saw the uniforms his friends had and heard about the money they earned.

"I was lured into the Army by the nice uniforms," Williams said. "I bought a one-way ticket to West Point, N.Y. My first night I was told I was on kitchen police. I was so excited that I couldn't sleep, but the next morning I got up and went to the kitchen and there was the cook. He pointed to two five-gallon buckets of potatoes and handed me a butcher knife."

Madison said the presentation's purpose is to fill in the history gaps.

"There are a lot of different ethnic groups, but only one is seen in history," Madison said. "People need a complete picture of history. Our goal is to have American history be about all groups and not only one."



CHRIS GALITZ/Missourian Staff

DURING BLACK HISTORY Month, the Buffalo Soldiers visited with students. James Madison explained the duties and obligations the Buffalo Soldiers had during the time of military segregation.

Fire victims give support to suspect

FIRE from page 1

where the other guys were." After Cummins' roommates, Russell Law and Phillip Larson, arrived, the three were thoroughly questioned by Maryville Public Safety. Officers investigating the case questioned the men about their whereabouts, friends and potential vindictive situations that could provide clues in finding the one responsible for the blaze.

During initial questioning, Conwell was mentioned as being a close acquaintance of the three men. However, the three roommates never suspected her.

"That night Kelly was probably in the best mood I had seen her in for months," Law said. "Everyone was happy that night."

Conwell had been at the men's apartment earlier in the evening and had even visited Cummins at work shortly before the fire.

"She said that she was either going to find my roommates or go home to bed," Cummins said. "She told me to call her when I got home from work."

Later that night the students were informed that Conwell had been taken in to the police station for questioning. The men were shocked to find that Conwell had been officially charged.

"It just didn't make sense," Law said. "There was no reason to suspect her really."

Neither Baird nor the officers in charge of the case could comment because the case is still open and under investigation.

In the meantime, the roommates remain completely supportive of Conwell.

"You can replace material objects, but you can't replace a friend," Cummins said.

The students believe that Conwell may have been pressured into an alleged confession. However, their minds remain open to any outcome and explanation of the situation.

CAMPUS CRIME Campus Safety reports

■ Feb. 13 A male student reported the theft of computer chips from the computer lab in Colden Hall. The case is still under investigation.

■ Feb. 13 A female employee reported the theft of a set of bath towels from the custodial laundry room in Dieterich Hall.

■ Feb. 15 A female student reported the smell of a controlled substance in the basement of Wilson Hall. The source of the odor came from a storage room, but the room was found unoccupied after investigation.

■ Feb. 16 A female was issued a state

summons for driving without a valid operators license.

■ Feb. 16 A female was issued a state summons for authorizing or knowingly allowing a person to operate a motor vehicle without a valid operator's license.

■ Feb. 17 Maryville Department of Public Safety arrested a former male student for the theft of a University video cassette recorder. The item will remain in MPSD custody until further notice.

■ Feb. 17 Maryville Department of Public Safety recovered a book bag that was reported stolen Nov. 19. The item is in MPSD custody until further notice.

■ Feb. 15 Officers responded to a fire alarm in Cook Hall. The building was checked for smoke and fire but it was found that a pull station was pulled. The system was reset.

■ Feb. 15-17 three fire alarms were responded to in separate incidents in Richardson Hall. The building was checked each time for smoke and fire, but it was found that a pull station had been activated. The system was reset.

■ Feb. 17 A male reported that while his bicycle was parked at the rack at Dieterich Hall, the rear tire was damaged.

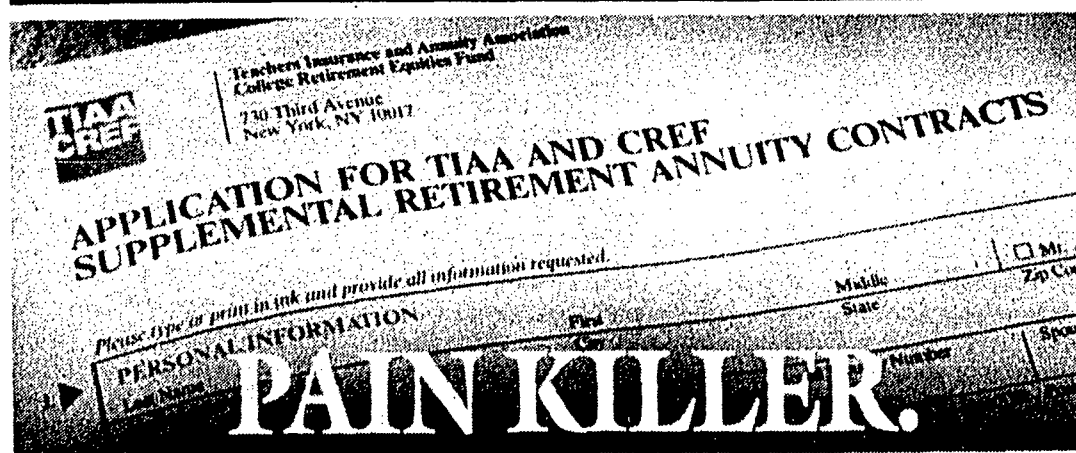
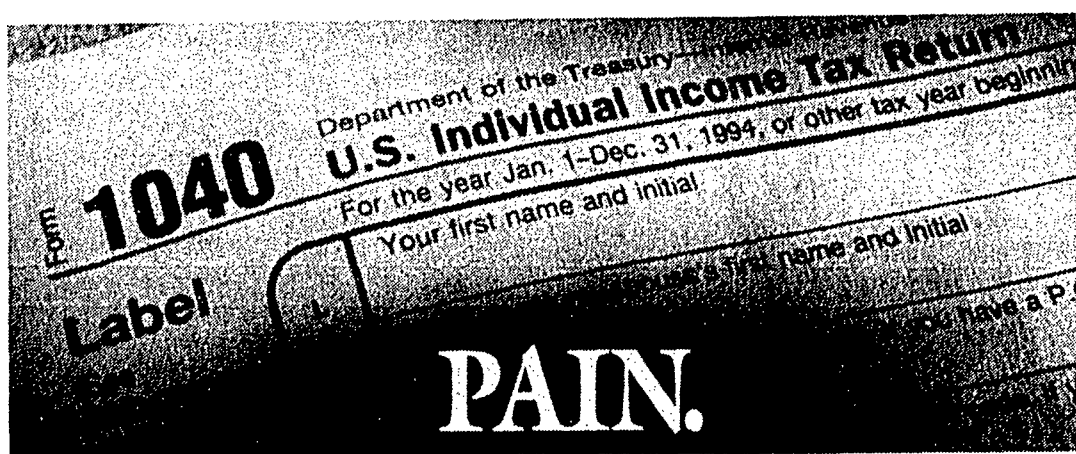
■ Feb. 17 A male reported the theft of University stereo equipment from the University Club South. The case is still under investigation.

■ Feb. 17 A female student was summoned to the dean of students for possession of alcohol on University property.

■ Feb. 18 A male student was summoned to the dean of students for failure to comply with the student handbook by loaning his residence keys to a former student.

■ Feb. 19 A male student reported the theft of 30 postage stamps from the front desk area of Dieterich Hall.

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New fraternity awaits recognition from IFC

By JASON CISPER
MISSOURIAN STAFF

This could be called the year of colonizations.

Following the wake of the recent colonization and chartering of Sigma Kappa sorority, a new fraternity, Kappa Sigma, has also selected Northwest as the site of a new colony.

The Interfraternity Council will vote on the fate of the interest group today.

Representatives from Kappa Sigma fraternity gave an informational presentation at the University Conference Center Saturday.

In attendance were the presidents from the existing fraternities, a Kappa Sigma interest group, and the executive members of Northwest's IFC.

Stuart Hoffman, Kappa Sigma's regional grand master, answered questions regarding the fraternity's alcohol policy and pledgeship program. He also gave information regarding the national fraternity as a whole.

"Northwest has a strong Greek system, and we feel that Kappa Sigma would be an asset to the University," Hoffman said.

IFC adviser Kent Porterfield said the group's approach toward colonization helped speed up the process.

"This particular group organized, solicited Sigma Kappa's national fraternity, and then approached the University," he said.

Tom Vieregger, IFC president, said the presentation was Kappa Sigma's final step in the process toward colonization before an IFC vote.

"The initial decision rests with IFC, and a simple majority is required for them to be accepted," Vieregger said.

Vieregger said the organization must be accepted by IFC and recognized by Student Senate before they can start a colony at Northwest.

Porterfield said some of the existing fraternities are somewhat wary about the addition of a new colony because of recruitment problems.

However, many fraternities have a different opinion.

"A new fraternity can breathe life into the Greek system," Rick Kitchell, Alpha Kappa Lambda vice president, said. "Our national fraternity recommended that we vote to accept them, and that's what we plan to do."

Kappa Sigma was established in 1869 at the University of Virginia in Charlottesville. The fraternity has more than 225 chapters and colonies. Famous alumni include Jimmy Buffet, Sam Donaldson and Robert Dole.



WAILING ON HIS Raja trumpet, Wynton Marsalis entertains a packed house Thursday. His gold-plated trumpet comes from David Bonnett's series of horns with the marking STC, for Sheldon the Cat.

Jazz performer says racial rumors false

By JULIE SHARP
MISSOURIAN STAFF

Jazz performer Wynton Marsalis put to rest any rumors about reverse racism in his performing policies after his show Thursday in the Mary Linn Performing Arts Center.

Marsalis and his policies while Art Director for the Lincoln Center in New York were characterized as being "reverse racism." In the article, he is charged with favoring black musicians over white ones no matter who is more talented.

Marsalis said Jones' accusations are false. Looking through a photocopy of the article Marsalis chuckled and gasped at what he read.

"Some of my best friends are white!" he said, laughing at the whole idea of being considered racist. "All this is, is that for too long executive decisions were made that were detrimental to both the musicians and the music. Now the people who made those decisions are finding that they have no say anymore at Lincoln Center, so they are going to use anything to complain about my policies."

Marsalis brushed off his critics' comments as he might a bad note, and returned to his favorite subject, jazz.

"Jazz music sounds like a good conversation," he said. "A conversation in music ranging in topics from the most ecclesiastical to the most tawdry, from the most down slang language to the most proper speech. It's a conversation that defines American 20th century aspirations."

Marsalis said music education has been a part of his life since childhood. While his father was a struggling musician in New Orleans, he taught the neighborhood kids about music. His impromptu classes sometimes had up to 20 kids.

"He'd teach the basics and we'd all try so hard," Marsalis said. "We didn't sound real good, but the fact that he made us want to try was the important thing."

Shuffling back through the pages of the Jazz Times article, he kept a lighthearted attitude toward the article, though his demeanor got very serious suddenly.

"No matter the criticism, no matter what they say, we will continue to swing."

And then he smiled.

Laser Theatrics incorporates light show, music

By SCOTT BROCK
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Bright lights and thundering rock music are headed for the Mary Linn Performing Arts Center.

Students will be able to experience Laser Theatrics, which are synchronized laser and music productions, at 7 and 8:30 p.m. Wednesday.

"Laser Show," sponsored by Campus Activity Programmers, will feature laser generated images coordinated with recorded music.

Two performances, first Pink Floyd's "The Wall," then "Laser Rush" featuring the music of the band Rush, will be presented.

CAP's members who had seen laser light shows before at regional conventions were enthusiastic about having the program for the first time here.

CAP's wanted to bring something different this year, having featured live music acts in past years, Johnathan Meyer, vice president, said.

"(CAP's) is trying to do a variety of things, whether a band, comic, or hypnotist," Dave Gieseke, CAP's adviser, said. "We're getting our feet wet."

Laser Theatrics, the company that produces the laser assemblies, will bring a 15-by-20 foot projection screen, laser generation and imaging equipment and a surround-sound audio system to the Mary Linn.

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To be eligible to win, listeners had to fill out registration forms or call the station.

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SPORTSLINE

Men's Basketball

Wednesday, Feb. 22

Northwest 89, Missouri-St. Louis 64

	MIN	FG	FT	REB	AST	PF	TP
Blackman	2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0
Fidler	28	4-5	4-4	0-3	1-3	1-4	1-4
Smith	19	3-8	0-1	0-1	4-4	7-7	7-7
Simon	23	0-1	2-2	0-1	5-5	2-2	2-2
Hoberg	13	0-2	4-4	2-4	0-2	4-4	4-4
Mauer	3	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-0	0-0	0-0
Jones	32	7-12	5-6	2-3	3-1	19-19	19-19
Szlanda	34	7-12	5-6	2-5	0-2	1-1	1-1
Harms	3	1-1	2-2	0-0	0-0	4-4	4-4
Jolley	26	4-8	4-7	6-13	0-2	12-12	12-12
Golden	17	3-4	0-2	0-3	1-2	8-8	8-8

TOTALS 200 29-53 26-34 12-33 14 22 89
 Percentages: FG—.547, FT—.765, Three Point Goals 5-7, 714 (Fidler 2-2, Golden 2-3, Smith 1-1, Hoberg 0-1) Team rebounds: 6 Blocked shots: 3 (Fidler, Jones, Jolley) Turnovers: 18 (Szlanda 5, Fidler 4, Simon 4, Jones 2, Golden 2, Mauer) Steals: 9 (Simon 4, Jones 2, Jolley 2, Fidler, Smith, Szlanda) Technical fouls: None Attending: 1,750 (est.)

Men's Basketball Standings

(conference and overall records)

	W	L	W	L
1. Mo. Western (9)	12-3	8-00	22-3	.880
2. Northwest	12-3	8-00	19-6	.760
3. Washburn	12-3	8-00	16-8	.667
4. CMSU	10-5	6-67	19-6	.760
5. Pittsburg State	9-6	6-00	13-11	.542
6. SBU	7-8	4-67	16-9	.640
* UMSL	7-8	4-67	13-12	.520
* Northwest	7-8	4-67	13-12	.520
9. Mo. Southern	5-10	3-33	10-15	.400
10. Emporia State	4-11	2-67	6-18	.250
11. Lincoln	3-12	2-00	6-20	.231
12. UMR	2-13	1-33	10-15	.400

() Rank in latest NCAA Division II Polls
 *Climbed Postseason Tournament home game
 *Climbed MIAA Postseason Tournament berth

Wednesday's MIAA results

Northwest 89, UMSL 64

Lincoln 87, Emporia State 76

CMSU 98, Missouri Southern 76

Pittsburg State 94, UMR 76

Missouri Western 94, Northeast 83

Washburn 95, SBU 88

Women's Basketball

Wednesday, Feb. 22

Northwest 92, Missouri-St. Louis 67

	MIN	FG	FT	REB	AST	PF	TP
Rasmussen	29	2-5	0-0	2-10	1-1	1-4	1-4
Feaker	9	2-2	0-0	0-2	0-0	1-1	1-1
Ickes	27	5-11	1-3	5-10	5-4	4-11	4-11
Cummings	23	2-5	3-4	1-5	9-3	7-7	7-7
Krohn	32	9-27	0-0	1-5	2-2	2-19	2-19
Laudont	17	3-5	1-4	2-6	5-1	8-8	8-8
Kenyon	4	0-0	0-0	0-1	0-0	0-0	0-0
McCown	2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-1	1-1
Coy	18	4-11	2-3	3-6	0-3	10-10	10-10
Henry	8	0-3	1-2	2-3	0-2	1-1	1-1
Oertel	27	11-17	0-0	2-3	1-1	12-12	12-12
Jorgensen	4	0-1	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-1	1-1

TOTALS 200 38-57 8-16 18-55 23 92
 Percentages: FG—.547, FT—.500, Three Point Goals 8-20, 400 (Oertel 6-8, Krohn 1-8, Laudont 1-2, Cummings 0-1, Jorgensen 0-1) Team rebounds: 4 Blocked shots: None Turnovers: 8 (Laudont 2, Rasmussen 2, Ickes 2, Feaker, Oertel) Steals: 8 (Laudont 2, Rasmussen, Ickes, Feaker, Cummings, Krohn, Oertel) Technical fouls: UMSL-Christ 16:55 1st Half Attendance: 250 est.

Women's Basketball Standings

(conference and overall records)

	W	L	W	L
1. Mo. Western (4)	14-1	.933	23-2	.920
2. Washburn (15)	12-3	.800	20-5	.800
3. Mo. Southern (14)	12-3	.800	18-7	.720
* 4. Pittsburg State	10-5	.667	20-5	.800
* SBU	10-5	.667	18-6	.750
* 6. CMSU	8-7	.533	17-8	.680
* UMR	8-7	.533	14-11	.560
8. Emporia State	5-10	.333	11-13	.458
9. Northwest	4-11	.267	11-14	.440
Northeast	4-11	.267	7-17	.292
11. UMSL	2-13	.133	7-18	.280
12. Lincoln	1-14	.067	7-18	.280

() Rank in latest NCAA Division II Polls
 *Climbed second straight championship
 *Climbed Postseason Tournament home game
 *Climbed MIAA Postseason Tournament berth

Wednesday's MIAA results

Northwest 92, UMSL 67

Emporia State 82, Lincoln 65

CMSU 54, Missouri Southern 44

Pittsburg State 93, UMR 78

Missouri Western 97, Northeast 83

Washburn 62, SBU 45

PLAYER WATCH

Derrek Smith

Class: Junior
Hometown: Florissant, Mo.
Previous School: Hazelwood Central HS
Major: Personnel Management
Career highlights: In high school, first team all-conference as a senior, averaged 17 points, six rebounds, three steals
This season's stats: Fifth on the team in scoring, averaging 7.4 points per game while starting in only one game
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Bearcats secure playoff berth

'Cats annihilate UMSL, 89-64; salvage hopes for postseason tourney

By NATE OLSON
CHIEF REPORTER

Northwest may have salvaged what little hope it had left for a successful season by clinching a berth in the MIAA postseason tournament with an 89-64 win over the University of Missouri-St. Louis on Wednesday.

The win clinched an early seed in the tournament, but that ranking could improve depending on the results of Saturday's MIAA games.

Head coach Steve Tappmeyer said it is time to forget about the trouble of the regular season and focus on doing well in the tournament.

"I think our team has played under a lot of pressure all season and now the pressure is off of us because we are not expected to win," he said. "Our attitude is we have a possibility of getting beaten out, but let's just go out and play and if we can get our first road win, you never know what might happen."

Saturday, Northwest will try to improve its seeding when the team battles Washburn University at 7:30 p.m. in Bearcat Arena.

Not only does the game have playoff implications, but it is also the last home game for the Bearcat's three seniors; forward John Golden, guard Steve Simon and forward Scott Fidler.

Golden said he is going to do everything in his power to ensure he and the other seniors go out on a winning note.

"I am going to do what I can to help us be victorious," he said. "I will do whatever I have to do to get a win."

Fidler said the experience will be emotional, but he is looking forward to the postseason.

"It will be sad for it to be all over, but I am just going to look forward to the tournament and worry about it when it is all over," he said.

Tappmeyer said the Ichabods have improved since Jan. 21, when the two teams last met. Northwest dropped the contest, 79-70.

"When we played them earlier, we did not think they were as good as some of their teams of the past," he said. "But now they are playing like one of the most explosive teams in the league."

The last time the two teams met, Tappmeyer said the 'Cats were inconsistent and did not shoot well hitting a luke-warm 43 percent from the field. Tappmeyer also said improving in that area will be the key to victory.

"We stopped ourselves in the last game," he said. "We only had two points in the first five minutes and we have to play a complete 40 minute game."

SBU 87, Northwest 64

Last Saturday, Northwest suffered its eleventh road loss of the season and its eighth straight conference road loss to Southwest Baptist University, in Bolivar, 87-64.

SBU jumped out to a 25-4 lead and never allowed the 'Cats to get closer than 12 points the rest of the game.

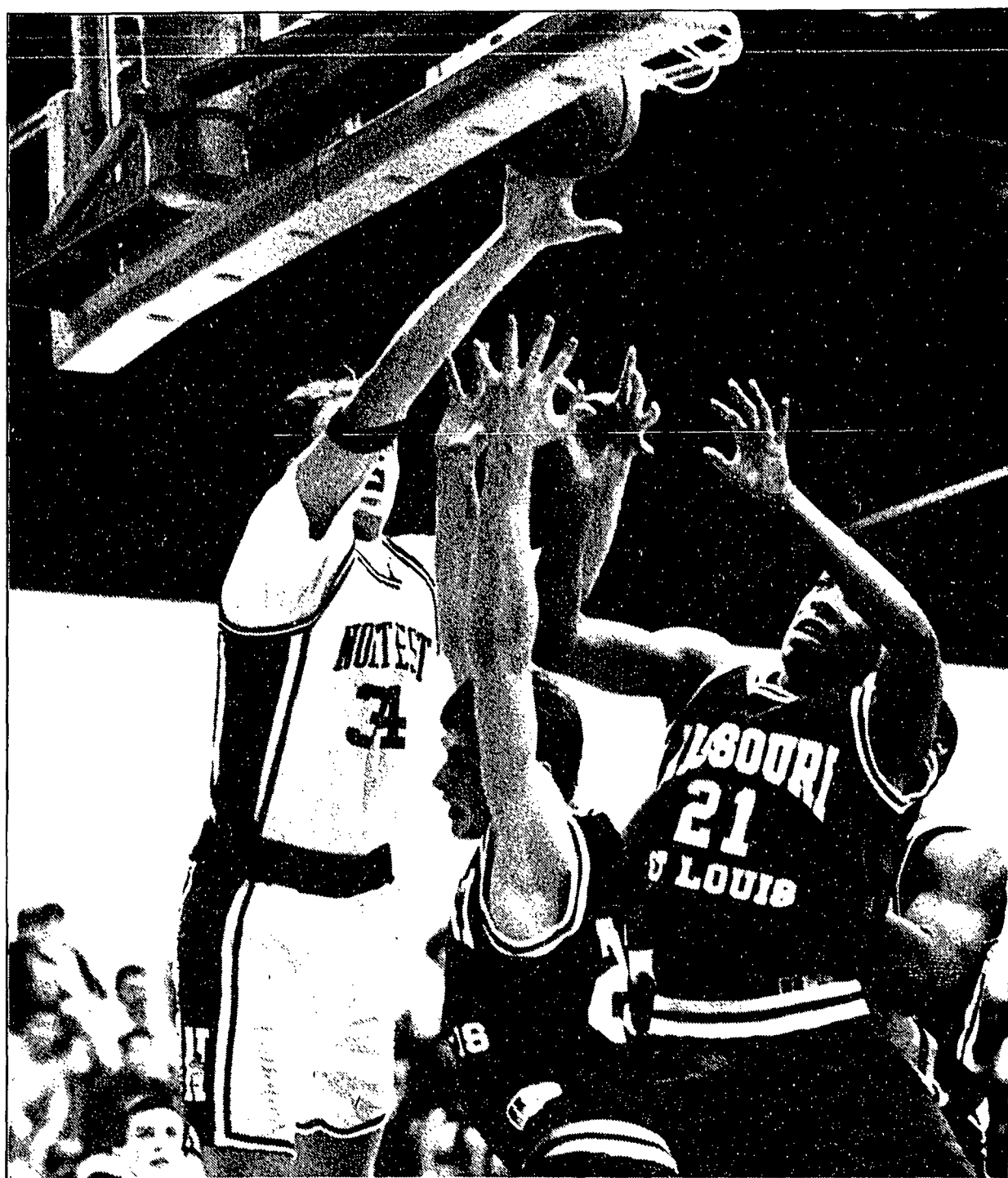
The Bearcats missed their first eight field goals of the game and managed only four points in the first 12 minutes of the contest.

Tappmeyer said one of the reasons for his team's slow start in the game was failure to adjust to the SBU defensive adjustment.

"I thought we were ready to play, but they came out and tricked us by playing a zone defense and we did not shoot well, so that hurt us," he said.

Northwest was able to cut the lead to 12 going into the intermission, but SBU seized control early in the second half, and the Bearcats could not cut the SBU lead to less than 19.

Senior center Ricky Jolley led Northwest with 12 points and grabbed nine rebounds.



JON BRITTON/Chief Photographer

JUNIOR FORWARD TOM Szlanda springs over two University of Missouri-St. Louis defenders to score. Szlanda scored a team-high 19 points in the Bearcats' 89-64 whipping of UMSL Wednesday in Bearcat Arena.

'Cats sink Riverwomen, 92-67

By COLIN McDONOUGH
MISSOURIAN STAFF

A three point barrage from junior guard Julia Oertel fueled Northwest's win over the Riverwomen from the University of Missouri-St. Louis on Wednesday, 92-67.

Oertel poured in a career-high 28 points, including six of eight from three-point range.

The six three-pointers from Oertel tied a Northwest single-game record held by Janet Clark, who set the mark against Northeast Missouri State University in the 1988-89 season.

Wayne Winstead, women's head coach, said Oertel did things in the game that she used to do at North Iowa Area Community College.

"Julia Oertel was doing things tonight that we saw her do in junior

college," he said. "Tonight, she gained a whole bunch of confidence."

Northwest heads into its final home game of the season and the final home game for two Bearcat seniors, whose leadership the team may need to fight for an MIAA playoff berth.

Mary Henry and Brandi Jorgensen will suit up for their final game in Bearcat Arena against the Washburn Lady Blues at 5:30 p.m. Saturday.

For Northwest to qualify for the MIAA tournament they will need help from two other teams in the MIAA.

Northwest needs a win against Washburn and a loss from Emporia State University, plus a win from Northeast Missouri State University to make the postseason tourney.

Winstead said he does not want to worry about making the MIAA tournament right now — he wants to concentrate on other aspects.

"We are not concerned with that right now," he said. "We are concerned about just playing good basketball."

Winstead said he has been pleased with the team's effort this season even though the record has not shown it.

"We have played well, but haven't gotten the breaks," he said. "It's been a tough season, but they're playing hard and I'm proud of them."

SBU 72, Northwest 66

The road woes continued for the Bearcats as they lost their seventh consecutive road game to the Southwest Baptist University Bearcats, 72-66.

Winstead said the team played really well against SBU and might be playing its best basketball this season.

Sophomore forward Sandi Ickes led the team in scoring with 14 points on a perfect shooting night from the floor.



JON BRITTON/Chief Photographer

JUNIOR GUARD AMY Krohn shoots over University of Missouri-St. Louis guard D.J. Martin in the 'Cats' lopsided 92-67 win Wednesday.

Tracksters gear up for MIAA title meet

By JASON TARWATER
ASSISTANT TO THE EDITOR

The men's and women's track teams had one last chance to gear up for Saturday's MIAA conference meet in Warrensburg when they competed in the Nebraska-Iowa Athletic Conference Invitational on Saturday in Lincoln, Neb.

For the men's squad, the veterans once again did their part for the team, bringing home a first place award and two second place awards.

Junior Mitch Dosland won the high jump with a leap of 6-feet, 9-inches, his highest jump of the indoor season.

Dosland also took second in the long jump, as he leapt 22-10.

Senior Shannon Wheeler came in second

for the Bearcats in the 1,000-meter run, with a time of 2:30.8.

Younger runners also contributed as freshman Jason Yoo brought home second place in the 600-yard dash with a time of 1:13.2.

Wheeler said this meet helped to show that the team is starting to come together.

"The team's starting to come around and run better," he said. "We've had a lot of injuries and it's tough to get everybody together, but we are starting to pull together."

Conversely, on the women's side, the youth of the team

Back to the Future



Marcia (Christine Taylor)



Carol (Shelley Long)



Greg (Christopher Daniel Barnes)



Jan (Jennifer Elise Cox)



Alice (Henriette Mantel)



Peter (Paul Sutera)



Cindy (Olivia Hack)



Mike (Gary Cole)



Bobby (Jesse Lee)

The BRADY BUNCH MOVIE

here's a story of a lovely family
Who lived in a really neat-o house,
All of them had smiles glued on their faces,
in their hair no louse.

Story by Mike
Johnson

Here's a story of a movie producer
Who came up with a very brilliant plan
"Let's put them on the big screen and make some
money, while entertaining fans."
Well, now the movie's finally in the theaters
And we knew that it was much more than a hunch
That this group that began on the little screen
Has now become the Big-Screen Brady Bunch
The Brady Bunch ...

Who doesn't at least know the tune of the theme song that began "The Brady Bunch," a '70s series that reinvented corniness?

Now the sitcom has hit the big screen in "The Brady Bunch Movie" allowing audiences to watch the Brady family's corny brand of perfection while eating movie popcorn.

Premiering in 1969, the show lasted five years and only placed as high as No. 20 in the ratings, but it has managed to stick around and amuse a couple more generations in the process, with the movie grossing \$14 million in its opening weekend.

The setup was simple. When a widow with three girls meets a widower with three boys, they become a non-traditional family with a maid named Alice and a dog named Tiger.

The six siblings ranged in ages 5-14 when the show premiered. Marcia was the oldest daughter, Jan was the middle child and Cindy was the youngest girl. The boys went down the line from Greg to Peter to Bobby.

Even though "The Brady Bunch" did not catch on with viewers at the time, it has become one of the most beloved sitcoms ever. Why was the show so popular? Charlotte Heldt said she liked it because of its wholesome family values.

"It's the perfect family that nobody has," Heldt said. "Nobody was that perfect."

Chad Rea had a similar view and said the Bradys were the family everyone wanted.

"I like the show because it was funny," Rea said. "It was funny to see how their life was so perfect. They were the ideal family."

While the Cleavers reigned as the most wholesome family during the '50s, the Bradys came out of the '70s.

Mark Wegner said the strangeness was part of the Brady charm.



THE BRADY BROTHERS and sisters compete in a talent contest in "The Brady Bunch Movie."

IT'S BREAKFAST TIME for the Brady family and as Alice finishes making the meal, Peter laughs at his brothers and sisters.

Paramount Pictures

"I liked it because it was completely original," Wegner said. "The family was just weird."

Every child struggled with his or her own psychological demon throughout the course of the show. Marcia and Greg dealt with the pressures of high school and popularity.

Jan and Peter tried valiantly to carve their own niche and form their own identity while being the middle children and living in the shadows of their older siblings.

Cindy tattled on everyone and wanted to be thought of as a grown up while Bobby felt left out and ran away a couple of times.

Heldt said she enjoyed watching Jan because of their similar situations.

"I identified with her because she was in the middle like I am," Heldt said.

While the kids struggled with such dilemmas as growing up, Alice stayed in the kitchen cooking and in the living room dusting, ready to provide comic

relief and helpful advice.

Rea said he liked Alice because she was the glue that held the family in place.

"She seemed like she knew what she was doing," he said. "She was the comic relief of the show and kept the family together. Through all the fighting, through thick and thin, she was there."

Heather Brown said she liked Alice the best because she was on top of things.

"Alice basically ran the place," Brown said. "She was always there for the kids and was the calm center on more than a few episodes."

Not everyone liked "The Brady Bunch." Christopher Poole said the show was dumb.

"I thought it was stupid," Poole said. "I didn't think it was funny. There just wasn't anything about it that I liked."

Still, with its legions of fans packing theaters, "The Brady Bunch," which started out as a hunch, has become the best guess in town.



'The Bunch' hits the big screen in style

'The Brady Bunch Movie'

★★★ (out of four)

Stars: Shelley Long, Gary Cole, Christine Taylor, Jennifer Elise Cox

Rating: PG-13

Director: Betty Thomas

Reviewer: Mike Johnson

Bad TV shows don't die; they come back as feature films. "The Brady Bunch" leaps off the "boob tube" and onto the silver screen in a pretty good resurrection of a truly vapid sitcom.

"The Brady Bunch" was an annoying little '70s sitcom about a widow with three girls, who marries a widower with three boys. Every week the family learned a life lesson to the sounds of a laugh track of labored sighs and giggles.

"The Brady Bunch Movie" transplants these characters to the '90s. The joke is that the Bradys are still living as if they were in the '70s.

It's a silly premise that pays off, thanks to a dead-on cast, a script that pays real homage to the sitcom and some surprisingly neat musical numbers.

The plot is as simple as the ones found on the old show. The Bradys owe \$20,000 in back taxes and will lose their beloved home if they can't come up with the money.

This plot provides a framework for key references to classic episodes played out with spooky precision by a cast seemingly born to play the Bradys.

Shelley Long, who has not been missed since she annoyed millions on "Cheers," is positively subdued as Carol, the matriarch of the Brady clan.



"HILL STREET BLUES" alumna and Emmy-award winner, Betty Thomas directs Cindy, Olivia Hack; Carol, Shelley Long; and Mike, Gary Cole in "The Brady Bunch Movie." The movie opened last weekend.

Although Gary Cole lacks the resemblance, his caricature of Robert Reed's Mike beautifully captures the patriarch's condescending tone.

Christine Taylor is eerily similar to Maureen McCormick, who played Marcia Brady, the groovy ice-blonde eldest daughter, while Jennifer Elise Cox whines well as middle sister Jan.

The new improved bunch make the old cast seem like yesterday's raisins, managing to make cheap wine out of the most idiotic of situations.

When the kids sing the infectious "It's a Sunshine Day" in Sears, and "Keep on Movin'" at the talent show, it is impossible for even the most cynical of moviegoers not to smile.

The movie even includes a surprisingly good Davy Jones song, as well as cameos by the rest of the Monkees.

Not all is tacky happiness in Bradyville, though. The show throws in a lot of cheap toilet humor, literally, that seem out of place. Is homosexuality and sex addiction really necessary in a

movie about the most wholesome of families?

The script is better when it leaves the groin jokes alone and concentrates on Jan's inner voices or Marcia's egocentrism or even Greg's identity crisis. They are all living Freudian nightmares.

"The Brady Bunch Movie" succeeds in being as tacky as a black velvet painting and the perfect tribute to the dorkiest family ever to grace the small screen.

WEEKEND PLANNER

MOVIES

Maryville

Missouri Twin
"The Quick and the Dead,"
"The Brady Bunch Movie"

St. Joseph

Hillcrest 4 (279-7463)
"In the Mouth of Madness,"
"The Quick and the Dead,"
"House Guest," "Billy Madison,"
Plaza 8 (279-2299)
"Legends of the Fall,"
"Dumb and Dumber,"
"Nobody's Fool," "Disclosure,"
"The Brady Bunch Movie,"
"The Jerky Boys,"
"Higher Learning,"
"Boys on the Side"
Dickenson Trail Theater (232-6256)
"I.Q."

COMEDY CLUBS

Kansas City

Kansas City ComedySportz
(842-2744)
Pandemonium Cafe
Feb. 25-26, 7:35 and 10:05 p.m.
Lighten Up Improvisation Company
(474-4386)
Play It By Ear
Feb. 25-26, 7:30 p.m.
Outside the Lines
Feb. 26, 10 p.m.
Stanford's Comedy House
(756-1450)
Scott Novotny
Feb. 24, 8 p.m.
Monique and Holly Henson
Feb. 24, 9 p.m.
Brad Nelson
Feb. 24, 10 p.m.

PLAYS

Kansas City

American Heartland Theatre
(842-9999)
"Always ... Patsy Cline"
Feb. 23-Mar. 5
Plaza Playhouse (561-7529)
"Tony 'n' Tina's Wedding"
Feb. 23-25
Coterie Theatre (474-6552)
"To Be Young, Gifted and Black"
Lorraine Hansberry
Feb. 23-24
Helen Spencer Theatre (235-2700)
"The Imaginary Invalid"
Feb. 23-Mar. 12
Music Hall (800-955-5566)
"A Chorus Line"
Feb. 23-25
Mystery Capers Dinner Playhouse
(454-3340)
"Kill Me Tenor"
Feb. 24-25

CONCERTS

Kansas City

Folly Theater (781-8250)
Cecilia Bartoli
Feb. 25, 8 p.m.
White Recital Hall (235-2700)
"Così fan tutte"
Comic opera
Feb. 24-26, 7:30 p.m.
Grand Emporium (931-3330)
Junior Walker and the Allstars
Feb. 25, 7:30 p.m.
Granada Theatre (691-8785)
Libby Roderick
Feb. 26, 8 p.m.
Memorial Hall (931-3330)
Sheryl Crow
Freddie Johnston and Pete Droge
Feb. 24, 7:30 p.m.

THE STROLLER

Your Man single-handedly solves huge prison dilemma

If you haven't heard all the hubbub about Mount Alverno by now, you must be living in a cave. Lately, it seems everywhere Your Man goes, the prison dispute is being discussed.

So, Your Hero has decided to offer solutions as to where this minimum security house for the legally challenged should be located.

First off, Mount Alverno has its ups and downs. For one, the prisoners residing at this old convent, I think, would express good behavior during their stay.

After all, doesn't everyone who visits a convent feel obligated to be on his or her best behavior?

Your Man has to admit though, placing a prison right next to the future biggest tourism site in Maryville isn't all that smart. If you didn't already live in Maryville, why would you want to visit a place like Lake Mozingo with a prison right smack dab in the middle?

So, with all this in mind, Your Prison Placement Expert has come up with a few alternative ideas.

First, how about Washington Middle School? It's big and it would be cheap for the state to buy, although, fixing it up to where it is safe for human habitation might be a slight problem.

Besides, the prisoners would be ready to get out of Maryville after living here for a while. And they would be really dumb if they tried to use that back fire escape to break out of jail — that would be like a sentence to death row.

God forbid if the middle school students ever had to use it, the metal structure is so rickety. The weight of a small child could possibly send the entire framework crumbling to the ground.

Another great location for the prison would be East Complex right here on campus.

The University could get all that state money going to

the facility and the public relations people could get the word out about how educational it would be for college students ...

"Northwest, the first site for a C-2 security facility; Your ultimate choice for legal studies."

Besides, we'd never have to worry about the inmates escaping — the buildings are all too confusing to find an exit.

We could even satisfy all those liberal thinkers who say education is the solution to all problems. We could enroll the prisoners in classes to teach them how to live their lives better.

There, it's solved. Your Man is forever the hero and savior of all dilemmas. Maybe I should run for president. Just send all campaign donations to the *Missourian*.

The Stroller has been a tradition of the Northwest *Missourian* since 1918.

WEEKEND BOX OFFICE \$ REPORT

1. The Brady Bunch Movie 14.8 million
2. Just Cause 10.6 million
3. Heavyweights 6.1 million
4. Billy Madison 5.6 million
5. Quick and the Dead 4.2 million
6. Legends of the Fall 4.0 million
7. Boys on the Side 3.7 million
8. Forrest Gump 3.0 million
9. Pulp Fiction 2.9 million
10. Nobody's Fool 2.5 million

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